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3 September 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Walter Elder
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: DCI Directive on National Photographic
Interpretation Center

1. Action Requested: That you approve the attached DCI directive on NPIC.

2. Background: This directive, which was reviewed by the DDCI, has been considered by the NFIB principals.

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3. Recommendation: The Director, NPIC, and the Executive Secretary recommend you approve the directive as amended.

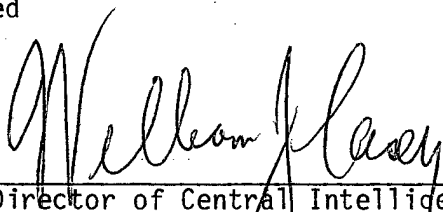
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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE
NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION

(Effective 9 September 1982)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947 and Executive Order 12333, policies and procedures are hereby established for national photographic interpretation.

1. Purpose

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4. Organization

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NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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31 August 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, NPIC

FROM: Walter Elder
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SUBJECT: DCI Directive on NPIC [REDACTED]

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1. On 14 July 1982, the NFIB principals concurred in a revised DCI Directive on NPIC with some proposed changes. These suggestions were forwarded to NPIC. [REDACTED]

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2. I understand that COMIREX proposed some changes, too. I have not been able to find out what's going on. [REDACTED]

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3. I request a status report on this directive as soon as possible, especially if there are changes which may require a new review by the DDCI and a resubmission to NFIB. Inaction on this directive is also blocking completion of the DCI directive review exercise. [REDACTED]

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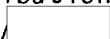
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